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**ALLEGHENY COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO PROBATION WITH HOME
CONFINEMENT FOR EMBEZZLING SOCIAL SECURITY AND PENSION
BENEFITS**

United States Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan announced today, May 6, 2008, that Rolf Groer, a resident of Allegheny County, has been sentenced in federal court in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to 5 years probation, including 12 months of community confinement, and ordered to pay approximately \$22,000 in restitution as well as a \$5,000 fine on his conviction of theft of government property and theft from an employee pension benefit plan.

United States District Judge Alan N. Bloch imposed the sentence on Groer, age 48.

According to information presented to the court by Assistant United States Attorney Kay B. Lee, Groer, between January of 2004 and September of 2006, embezzled approximately \$27,904.00 in Social Security benefits, and approximately \$14,699.19 in pension benefits paid by The Boeing Company. The Social Security and pension benefits were issued in the name of a person who had died in December of 2003.

Ms. Buchanan commended the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Groer.

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